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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please further amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A contact lens package with a contact lens therein, wherein the contact lens is deformed within the contact lens package.
2. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the package comprises two sheets of material sealed together.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets are sealed in an area surrounding the contact lens.
5. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 4, further comprising a seal around a perimeter of the package, wherein the seal in the area surrounding the contact lens is stronger than the seal around the perimeter of the package.
6. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets ~~are unsealed~~ at ~~of~~ at least one corner of the package are unsealed.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets are each multi-layer laminates.
9. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets comprise polyolefin.
10. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein one sheet is a multi-layer laminate and the other sheet is polyolefin.

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11. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 10, wherein the multi-layer laminate comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene, and aluminum.

12. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the package has a first space containing a hydration medium.

13. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein each of the two sheets is flat.

14. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 12, wherein the package has a second space also containing a hydration medium.

15. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 14, wherein the lens is disposed in the first space;

and wherein the hydration medium in the second space is separated from the first space by a seam between two sheets of material.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 14, wherein the second space for hydration medium is connected to the first space.

19. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 14, wherein the second space for hydration medium is coupled to the first space by a frangible connection.

20. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 18, wherein the first space is flexibly coupled to the second space.

21. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 14, wherein the second space for hydration medium has a removable cap.

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22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets pull apart to release the lens.

24-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 18, wherein the first space is coupled to the second space by a perforated connection.

31-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 19, wherein the second space for hydration medium serves as a handle for the package.

38. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 2, wherein at least one of the sheets is embossed.

39. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 38, wherein at least one of the sheets is embossed with one or more patterns selected from an abstract pattern, a grid, and a logo.

40. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein said deformed contact lens is compressed within said contact lens package.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the contact lens is confined in the package such that the lens is always maintained in a same orientation while inside the package.

43-59. (Cancelled)

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60. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the package further comprises a spring disc.

61. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc is arched in its equilibrated state.

62. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc is held in a compressed state within the package while the package is sealed.

63. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 62, wherein the spring disc returns to its equilibrated arched state when the package is opened.

64. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, silicones, and combinations thereof.

65. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc is comprised of projections extending from a circular base.

66. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 60, wherein the contact lens rests upon the spring disc within the package.

67-238. (Cancelled)

239. (New) A contact lens package comprising:  
a contact lens stored in the package;  
a spring disc stored in the package; and,  
a first sheet sealing the package to hold the lens and the spring disc in the package such that the spring disc and lens are held in a compressed state and only return to their natural equilibrated state when the package is opened by separation of the first sheet from the remainder of the package.

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240. (New) The contact lens package of claim 239, wherein:  
the package comprises a second sheet and a peel seal encircling the spring disc and the lens and sealing the second sheet and the first sheet together such that the first sheet can be peeled from the second sheet; and,  
the spring disc is placed on the second sheet and the lens is disposed between the spring disc and the first sheet.

241. (New) The contact lens package of claim 240, wherein at least one of the second sheet and first sheet is a laminate.

242. (New) The contact lens package of claim 240, wherein at least one of the second sheet and first sheet is made from at least one material selected from the group of polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene, and aluminum.

243. (New) The contact lens package of claim 240, wherein the spring disc is adhered to the second sheet.

244. (New) The contact lens package of claim 239, wherein the package contains a hydration solution to keep the lens hydrated.

245. (New) The contact lens package of claim 239, wherein the spring disc has an annular portion and at least one spring arm extending radially inwardly from the annular portion and held in a depressed state in the package, the spring arm returning to its natural raised state when the sealed package is opened to raise the lens.

246. (New) The contact lens package of claim 239, wherein the spring disc is made from at least one material selected from the group of polyolefin, silicone, polyamide and polyurethane.